

In the Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The modular desk of claim 4 14, wherein said second floor stanchion has a trapezoidal shape.
3. (Currently amended) The modular desk of claim 4 14, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises:
- a top stanchion surface;
- a front surface attached to said top stanchion surface ;
- a rear surface wall attached to said top stanchion surface; and
- a bottom stanchion surface attached to said front surface and said rear surface wall, wherein said bottom stanchion surface is parallel to said top stanchion surface.
4. (Original) The modular desk of claim 3, wherein said front surface and said top stanchion surface are angled relative to one another at an obtuse angle.
5. (Currently amended) The modular desk of claim 4, wherein said rear surface wall is approximately perpendicular to said top stanchion surface.
6. (Original) The modular desk of claim 4, wherein said obtuse angle is approximately 93.5°.
7. (Original) The modular desk of claim 5, wherein said obtuse angle is approximately 93.5°.
8. (Currently amended) The modular desk of claim 4 14, comprising a bracket attached to said worksurface member and said first floor stanchion.

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9. (Original) The modular desk of claim 8, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises a slot and said bracket comprises a hook that is inserted into said slot so as to engage a lower edge of said slot.

10. (Original) The modular desk of claim 8, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises n number of slots and said bracket comprises m number of hooks, wherein one or more of said m number of hooks are inserted into corresponding ones of said n number of slots.

11. (Original) The modular desk of claim 10, wherein m is less than n.

12. (Currently amended) The modular desk of claim 4 14, wherein said worksurface member is adjustable in height relative to said floor.

13. (Currently amended) The modular desk of claim 4 14, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises a cover that is removably attached to a side wall of said first floor stanchion so as to cover an opening formed in said side wall.

14. (Currently amended) A modular desk positioned on a floor comprising:
a worksurface member comprising a top surface and a bottom surface; and
a first floor stanchion having a trapezoidal shape that is supported on said floor and
supports said worksurface member;
a second floor stanchion that is supported on said floor and supports said worksurface
member, and

a J-shaped bracket attached to said first floor stanchion and said second floor stanchion.

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16. (Currently amended) The modular desk of claim 15, wherein said J-shaped bracket is aligned with said opening.

17. (Original) A modular desk positioned on a floor comprising:
a worksurface member comprising a top surface and a bottom surface; and
a first floor stanchion that is supported on said floor and supports said worksurface member; and
a second floor stanchion that is supported on said floor and supports said worksurface member;
a J-shaped bracket attached to said first floor stanchion and said second floor stanchion;
a second bracket attached to said first floor stanchion and said second floor stanchion.

18. (Original) The modular desk of claim 17, wherein said first floor stanchion comprises a cover that is removably attached to a side wall of said first floor stanchion so as to cover a first opening formed in said side wall.

19. (Currently amended) The modular desk of claim 18, wherein said second floor stanchion comprises a second cover that is removably attached to a side wall of said second floor stanchion so as to cover a second opening formed in said side wall of said second side-wall floor stanchion, wherein said first opening is generally aligned with said second opening.

20. (Original) The modular desk of claim 17, wherein said first floor stanchion has a trapezoidal shape.

21. (Original) The modular desk of claim 20, wherein said second floor stanchion has a trapezoidal shape.

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102. (New) The modular desk of claim 10, wherein $m \leq n$.
 103. (New) The modular desk of claim 14, wherein said J-shaped bracket comprises:
 - a horizontal surface having a first edge and a second edge, said first edge being substantially parallel to said second edge;
 - a first vertical surface integrally attached to said first edge of said horizontal surface, wherein said first vertical surface entirely extends upwardly; and,
 - a second vertical surface integrally attached to said second edge of said horizontal surface, wherein said second vertical surface entirely extends upwardly.
 104. (New) The modular desk of claim 103, wherein said second vertical surface is shorter than said first vertical surface.
 105. (New) The modular desk of claim 103, wherein no cover is directly connected to said first vertical surface and said second vertical surface.
 106. (New) The modular desk of claim 17, wherein said J-shaped bracket comprises:
 - a horizontal surface having a first edge and a second edge, said first edge being substantially parallel to said second edge;
 - a first vertical surface integrally attached to said first edge of said horizontal surface, wherein said first vertical surface entirely extends upwardly; and,
 - a second vertical surface integrally attached to said second edge of said horizontal surface, wherein said second vertical surface entirely extends upwardly.
 107. (New) The modular desk of claim 106, wherein said second vertical surface is shorter than said first vertical surface.

108. (New) The modular desk of claim 106, wherein no cover is directly connected to said first vertical surface and said second vertical surface.

109. (New) The modular desk of claim 106, wherein said second bracket comprises:
a support surface having a first side edge and a second side edge, said first side edge being substantially parallel to said second side edge;
an interior surface integrally attached to said first side edge of said support surface, wherein said interior surface entirely extends upwardly; and,
an exterior surface integrally attached to said second side edge of said support surface, wherein said exterior surface entirely extends upwardly.

110. (New) The modular desk of claim 109, wherein said exterior surface is shorter than said interior surface.

111. (New) The modular desk of claim 109, wherein no cover is directly connected to said interior surface and said exterior surface.

112. (New) The modular desk of claim 17, wherein said second bracket comprises:
a support surface having a first side edge and a second side edge, said first side edge being substantially parallel to said second side edge;
an interior surface integrally attached to said first side edge of said support surface, wherein said interior surface entirely extends upwardly; and,
an exterior surface integrally attached to said second side edge of said support surface, wherein said exterior surface entirely extends upwardly.

113. (New) The modular desk of claim 112, wherein said exterior surface is shorter

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114. (New) The modular desk of claim 112, wherein no cover is directly connected to said interior surface and said exterior surface.